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The Mexican Postal Service has recently unveiled a series of postage stamps that pay tribute to Mexican comic books. The second set in the series of postage stamps, which has recently been discontinued, commemorates a comic book character named "Memin Pinguin" in five poses. Unfortunately, this character was historically drawn in a manner which is racially insensitive and highly offensive to the international Black community.

Having expressed these concerns to the Mexican Consul General in Los Angeles, we appreciate the Mexican Government's demonstrated responsiveness and sensitivity when they promptly agreed to discontinue further production.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Officer to send a 5-signature letter to the Mexican Consul General in Los Angeles acknowledging the Mexican government's demonstrated responsiveness and cultural sensitivity by agreeing to immediately discontinue the issuance of the controversial

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“Memin Pinguin” postage stamps; and

WE, FURTHER MOVE THAT the letter also emphasize that this Board looks forward to continued sensitivity by the Mexican government in the future toward the Black community; as well as this Board’s willingness to continue a productive relationship with the Mexican Consulate for the benefit of the residents throughout the County of Los Angeles.

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